**Status of REGP Scheme**

2912. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) alongwith the details of the number of applications received, the number of applications accepted by the banks, the number of beneficiaries who were sanctioned loans, the number of beneficiaries getting disbursement and the number of persons getting subsidies, State-wise, for the years 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06;

(b) whether it is a fact that the proportions of the number actually receiving loans are very small in comparison to the number of those who applied for; and

(c) whether any suitable mechanism will be adopted to speed up sanctions and disbursements?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) The Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) is a credit-linked subsidy programme of the Government implemented through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) for assisting entrepreneurs in setting up of village industry (VI) units. Under this programme, loans are provided to the applicants by the banks and subsidy by the Government (through the KVIC). On receipt of proposals from applicants, banks take independent decision on sanctioning loan, after appraising the technical and economic feasibility of each project proposal. As such, information on the number of applications received directly by the banks are not maintained by the KVIC. The State-wise details of the REGP units set up during 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06, the beneficiaries of which received bank credit in combination with subsidy from; the Government, are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) While information on the number of applications received by the banks is not maintained by the KVIC, the general assessment is that about 20 to 25 per cent of the project proposals received are not approved after approval by banks.

(c) The steps taken by the KVIC to speed up the process of sanction and disbursement include prescribing time limits for disposal of applications at all stages, introduction of computerized system to keep track of the movement of applications upto the stage of disbursement by banks, placing

the margin money subsidy in advance with the nodal banks in the State captial/Divisional office on quarterly basis, etc.

***Statement***

*State-wise details of village indusry units set up under the REGP during* 2003-04, 2004-05 *and* 2005-06

| Sl. No. | State/Union Territory | Number of units set up | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06* |
| 1. | Chandigarh | 8 | 8 | 3 |
| 2. | Dadra and Nagar Heveli | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 3. | Delhi | 7 | 9 | 13 |
| 4. | Haryana | 923 | 1140 | 1058 |
| 5. | Himachal Pradesh | 414 | 469 | 635 |
| 6. | Jammu and Kashmir | 775 | 922 | 1402 |
| 7. | Punjab | 882 | 864 | 440 |
| 8. | Rajasthan | 2496 | 1537 | 2086 |
| 9. | Andaman and Nicobar Islands | 58 | 6 | 598 |
| 10. | Bihar | 88 | 254 | 692 |
| 11. | Jharkhand | 323 | 240 | 217 |
| 12. | Orissa | 1031 | 991 | 580 |
| 13. | West Bengal | 3348 | 2584 | 2037 |
| 14. | Arunachal Pradesh | 32 | 43 | 76 |
| 15. | Assam | 1223 | 1658 | 2229 |
| 16. | Manipur | 36 | 102 | 65 |
| 17. | Meghalaya | 210 | 146 | 206 |
| 18. | Mizoram | 33 | 162 | 365 |
| 19. | Nagaland | 61 | 151 | 316 |
| 20. | Tripura | 244 | 233 | 306 |
| 21. | Sikkim | 113 | 139 | 106 |
| 22. | Andhra Pradesh | 1097 | 1988 | 2276 |
| 23. | Karnataka | 1422 | 934 | 1314 |
| 24. | Kerala | 2046 | 914 | 1273 |
| 25. | Lakshadweep | 9 | 0 | 26 |
| 26. | Pondicherry | 47 | 7 | 36 |
| 27. | Tamil Nadu | 1568 | 925 | 982 |
| 28. | Goa | 126 | 138 | 133 |
| 29. | Gujarat | 290 | 376 | 516 |
| 30. | Maharashtra | 857 | 1773 | 1749 |
| 31. | Chhattisgarh | 697 | 656 | 502 |
| 32. | Madhya Pradesh | 1041 | 1361 | 767 |
| 33. | Uttaranchal | 1106 | 513 | 469 |
| 34. | Uttar Pradesh | 2134 | 2210 | 1241 |
| | TOTAL: | 24747 | 23453 | 24714 |